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Mensa debuts new trays, dinnerware

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BRIGHT NEW DISHES– New shapes and colors in the Mensa have students all abuzz. The clear cups were replaced by yellow, pink and green ones while the old white dishes were replaced with green, orange, maroon, purple and black ones.

By JESSICA RENKEN
Staff Writer

The Mensa recently introduced an array of new trays, dishes and silverware, purchased as part of the original student center construction budget.

"This has been in the planning for two years," Don Juhl, director of dining services, said.

Juhl added the need for new dinnerware stemmed from the number of old dishes that were damaged, broken or missing.

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"We were very low in quantities of the old dishes, and we were using a combination of several different types of dinnerware," Juhl said. "We wanted to get everything the same."

Juhl estimated the Mensa loses 300 to 400 forks and spoons each year and about 200 other small items. Of those, nearly 100 are lost to breakage, and the rest are assumed to have been taken.

"Some of it comes back (from being taken), but most of it doesn't," Juhl said.

Student Center Council played a major role in selecting the new dishes from a major distributor. Approximately 1200 glasses, 1000 flatware settings and trays, 800 dinner plates and 200 coffee cups were ordered.

According to Juhl, this is an appropriate amount to ensure the Mensa will not need to re-stock on dinnerware anytime soon.

Student Center Council members were concerned with theft of the new dinnerware, but they did not feel the problem will be any worse than in the past.

Some of the replaced dishes and trays are still used for special events, and the soup bowls and silverware have been transferred to the Den.

"The rest will be marketed through a local distributor that sells merchandise," Juhl said. "It's a common practice to do it this way."

Reactions to the colorful dishes have proven a positive change, Juhl said.

"The response has been just tremendous – much more than I expected," Juhl said.

Sophomores Rachel Young, Julie Philipp and Val Husbyn like the new dinnerware but have observed the dishes are heavy and slide around more easily on trays.

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Students might face Pell Grant reductions

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Changes in the federal government formula to determine how much students can afford to pay for their education may affect students receiving Pell Grants.

According to the Jan. 8 Des Moines Register, 800 to 900 low-income Iowa students could lose eligibility for the grant, while another 13,000 could receive a grant reduction. Nationally, the grant might be eliminated for 80,000 to 90,000 students with another 1.3 million affected by a reduction.

The Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier reported Friday President George W. Bush has proposed to raise the Federal Pell Grant $100 a year during the next five years.

According to cnn.com, new changes to the eligibility make the formula more dependent on recent state and local tax data paid by low- to middle-income families. Changes to the formula make it appear families have more money available to spend on college.

The Department of Education recalibrated the formula, which had not been updated for 15 years.

Students can determine if they will be affected by the new changes by filling out a Free Application for Federal Student Aid form as soon as possible.

Students concerned about the loss of Pell Grant funding should schedule an appointment to talk with someone in the financial aid office, according to Jennifer Sassman, director of financial aid, said.

She added that the financial aid office has an open- door policy and is willing to discuss alternative funding with students. Some options include asking campus employers for more work-study hours and partnership loans.

"I think the modification of the formula is going to hurt college-age people," freshman Tyler Vachta said. "For some it could possibly mean choosing a different college, and for others it could crush the opportunity all together."

"The government is under-funding many educational initiatives, and this is just the newest one to have its number called. I believe our nation needs to show a greater commitment to education at all levels, early childhood and up, if we are going to make an attempt to keep up with the world around us," Vachta added.

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...ALL OF US– Dr. Susan Vallem, Dr. Peter Nash, Linda Wolf, junior Kate Hunt, and senior Paul Cort take part in a diversity panel Thursday. The event kicked off diversity week, with events continuing throughout this week.

Sprinkler leak causes at least $40,000 in damage

By TINA HINZ
News Editor

An estimated $40,000 to $60,000 in damage was caused after a fire sprinkler pipe broke in the Science Center attic Dec. 25, Gary Grace, vice president of administration, said.

Water ran through ceiling tiles in the east wing of the building, affecting second-floor chemistry labs, basement biology labs and Rooms 126 and 128 as well as the first-floor entryway. It soaked science lab equipment, tables, counters and chairs.

"A lot of ceiling tiles fell through, and the sheet rock was damaged by the chair lift elevator," John Wuertz, director of the physical plant, said.

"We don't have any idea of how many gallons of water we vacuumed up, but it was a lot of water," he added. "It was quite a mess."

Three computers, a scanner and a format printer were in need of repair or replacement on the ground floor, and information technology services (ITS) replaced networking equipment on the first and second floors. Gary Wipperman, director of ITS, anticipates about $15,000 damage.

"Maintenance staff did a tremendous job of getting water out of there quickly, and that helped keep the humidity down and helped prevent potentially more damage to other equipment because high humidity and electronic equipment don't get along very well," Wipperman said.

"Our goal was to have students come back and really not know there was even a problem," he added. "Most everything was back and going by the time classes started."

The cause of the incident is being investigated, like whether the attic was properly heated and insulated, Wuertz said. Insulation has been added to ductwork to help prevent frozen pipes.

Two Science Center windows also need repair. One in the walkway between the Fine Arts Center and Science Center as well as another in a classroom, have cracked and will soon be replaced. Warranties will cover replacement costs.

"It might be stress on the windows, the way they were installed, or movement in the frames didn't allow them to move as they should," Wuertz said.

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Celebrate and embrace diversity

By JESSI LECLEAR
Guest Columnist

For some reason or another, I have always been fascinated with the idea of diversity. A major factor in my decision to come to Wartburg in the first place was due to the fact that I could travel abroad and would have the opportunity to live on what many orange pamphlets advertised as a "diverse campus."

Coming from a primarily white upper-middle class community, I was looking forward to the experience of a little change. Don't get me wrong, I absolutely love my friends here and wouldn't amend that for anything, but I'm disappointed with how clustered life has been since I arrived on campus. I look around at the division of races, athletes and attitudes separated at their individual tables in the Mensa and think, "Wow, what a great group of people. I just wish they all knew that about each other."

Most everyone is aware that today is officially Martin Luther King Jr. Day. I'm very interested in knowing, however, what this day really means to Wartburg students. Classes are condensed and the afternoon is launched with a chapel service to begin a time of service to the community. But why? What is it that we are all celebrating with the sacrifice of our time? Hopefully we have learned enough about the life of the man in question to know the answer.

A leader of powerful character and conviction, King proved to be an amazing contributor to the progress of the civil rights movement in the '60s. I urge anyone reading this column to just take a little bit of time, even if it is just a couple of minutes, to read up on the life of this amazing individual (the library's online page is a great resource; you pay a technology fee so you might as well use it). King wasn't the sole donor of inspiration to equality, however, but one of many. I suggest that we all pay respect to the thousands of willing volunteers who, in the past and present, fight to augment the harmony of mankind.

Sometimes I get the feeling that students at Wartburg don't really "get" the idea of diversity, or at least the kind of diversity I believe the college is striving to accomplish. Yes, it's true that we have a mosaic of colors, beliefs and backgrounds. However, being diverse doesn't mean tolerating each other, it means embracing each other. In a previous column, I asked, "What good does the *presence* of diversity do if we do not embrace its *practice* as well?" Not much, I'm afraid.

So what do we do? How do we learn to break through that boundary that keeps us so divided? I sense that people often give up before they even try because they think to themselves, "Well, there's just too much of a problem and little I can do about it, so why take the time to even try?" Well, just like any other movement, change does take time. The struggle for civil rights, women's rights and other causes of the '60s and '70s is not over (contrary to popular belief). Nevertheless, improvement has been made and will continue to be made, but only if we are willing to contribute.

So what's the solution? Easy: education. The literature of the Old and New Testament is a required class, so why not require something along the lines of a "world religions" class? Go to International Club. Join an organization like Students for Peace and Justice, EARTH or Amnesty International. Participate in diversity discussions held throughout the year. The simplest of them all: talk to people, all sorts of people. Inform yourself and try your best to keep an open mind.

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Dialogues need all points of view

By JEREMY PEDERSEN
Columnist

Today, we celebrate our great civil rights leader, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., with many activities discussing how we can "realize King's dream." Here, we celebrate the progress towards "equality and justice for all." We also celebrate his dream by looking forward to how we can continue to strive to achieve this goal with discussions on improving diversity on this campus.

While such dialogue has been insightful for me during my years at Wartburg, it seems to be missing something. For example, we hear roundtables of "reparations for slavery" and support for affirmative action, but we almost never hear from conservative African-Americans like Clarence Thomas, Condoleezza Rice or Leon Mosey who argue that using strict quotas of minority admission standards to bring diversity to college campuses is anathema to diversity.

We hear of the struggles of gays and lesbians, but we almost never hear of scholars, like Dr. Robert Gagnon, who carefully, thoroughly and lovingly argue that society's endorsement of homosexual practice is bad for both society and the individuals involved. Without these important voices presented, our views on such issues like affirmative action and gay marriage are slanted and distorted.

Such absence of important voices is especially puzzling as television news shows can bring such diverse points to the table for healthy discussion. For example, last November, Tim Russert on NBC's "Meet the Press" brought Rev. Jesse Jackson, Dr. Jerry Falwell, the Sojourners and the Southern Baptist Convention to the same table to discuss faith and politics in America. While Russert might not have agreed with what every guest has said, he still gave an opportunity for these diverse voices to be heard.

Now, some people would respond to views against gay marriage or affirmative action with catch-all phrases like "hateful." Such rhetoric, besides being an illogical personal attack, stops any discussion from ever occurring. I may not agree with communism and its brutal application, but that does not preclude me from learning about communism. In the same way, we should not simply dismiss some arguments immediately from discussion with catch-all phrases like "hateful."

Besides being illogical, in many cases calling such arguments "hateful" distorts their argument. For example, many of Thomas's arguments against affirmative action come from being seen as not as capable as his fellow Caucasian students. Indeed, Thomas sees affirmative action as denigrating for America as a whole. In his book, Gagnon argues that endorsing homosexual practice is one of the most unloving things we can possibly do. In addition, his book has been praised by scholars from all points on the ideological spectrum for its carefulness and thoroughness. Indeed, hatefulness is far from his actual argument.

As we celebrate King's dream, let us continue to include discussion from diverse points on the ideological compass. One may not agree with some views, but we should not dismiss them immediately with catch-all phrases like "hateful." With such balanced views in our discussions, we can continue to celebrate King's dream of being judged "not by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character."

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Editor's note: This is a section that allows readers to submit an anonymous opinion in two sentences or less. Send submissions for "Blow Your Horn" to trumpet@wartburg.edu.

- The new dishes in the Mensa look great!
- It's frustrating when students can't access their Webmail accounts for hours at a time.
- This cold weather has made me very thankful for the skywalk on campus!

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

Over the last year and a half I have noticed that it has become routine for maintenance, and perhaps others with such clearance, to consistently go into students' residences when they are not home and move things around without notifying the residents. When I returned from break I noticed that my dressers, desk, chair, refrigerator and some personal items were moved around. Can this be Wartburg/Res Life policy? Well, I am not the only one frustrated and complaining. I have talked to others, mostly women who live in the manors, and they also came back to unexpectedly rearranged rooms.

What precedes our privacy being invaded? It would be a good idea to leave a formalized note or some sort of paper to tell students what the heck happened to their room while they were gone. This goes beyond just Wartburg policy and is directly related to the Bill of Rights (4th Amendment). But, for the sake of Wartburg/Iowan simplicity, let us break it down to common courtesy and respect for students' private quarters.

I am sure Res Life and those who enter our rooms midst our absence act upon good intentions, and maybe this has something to do with the Patriot Act and the decay of freedom in this country, but some people say, "give a man an inch and he thinks he's a ruler." Case in point: Let's not be so informal about invading students' (temporary) homes. We, the students, want our privacy respected. Thank you.

Jeremy Ziemer '05

Editorial

Learn from Ben Franklin

The American jack-of-all-trades was born on this day 199 years ago. Mr. Benjamin Franklin was a writer, inventor, discoverer, politician and founder of the modern library. It is time we learn a little from one of our founding fathers. After all, we are attending a liberal arts college where the idea is to learn a little bit about a lot of things. As you walk across campus you may hear people whining about having to take a science class or an English class as part of the "Wartburg Experience."

With the world changing at this rapid pace, new jobs surface daily and others become obsolete. It is to the benefit of our individual futures to have a broad base of knowledge with a few specialties rather than having a narrow focus that would be unable to change with the times. Franklin lived in an era when the life of colonists was rapidly changing. So as our lives change in front of our eyes, follow his lead and maybe you too will go down in history (possibly for something as witty as Franklin's "a penny saved is a penny earned").

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New year brings faculty, staff changes

Fresh faces on campus this semester

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With the new year come three new employees at: Dr. John Melville, Mary Kunkle and Lis Erickson '97.

Melville was actually hired as a professor of neurobiology last spring but was delayed in arriving at Wartburg due to a need to finish research in Oregon. The neurobiology slot is a new position, according to dean of faculty Dr. Ferol Menzel. She said this position "will be important to the future of the sciences at Wartburg."

"When we looked at the biology department, we saw that neurobiology was something we needed covered," Menzel said. "We're very excited to have him working with us."

"There are not a lot of neurobiology positions around, especially at the undergraduate level," Melville said. "It's a really great position . . . and there is a lot of work going on in the neurobiology field."

Melville stated he is looking forward to developing and working on research with undergraduates because there are so many great experiments with results that are "very much publishable." This research experience would be especially helpful to undergraduates to prove that they can do great work in research and prepare them for graduate school. Melville also said that he "was really impressed by the faculty in the biology department."

"What they have done at this college and the program they have developed is nothing short of exceptional," Melville said.

Kunkle replaces Carolyn Eggers who retired this year as director of grants and development. Kunkle, who formerly worked as an economic development coordinator for Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments, said the "connection with church at Wartburg, as well as the college's mission of educating, was a fulfilling proposition" and the aspect of "working in so many different areas, with all different departments" to fund the college enticed her to take the job. Kunkle started her new job Jan. 3.

"I feel Wartburg is a very friendly community," Kunkle said.

Dr. John Melville

Mary Kunkle

Lis Erickson

Erickson will take on the role of associate director of alumni and parent relations and music tour director, a position vacated by Carol Bye Koeneman, who retired recently.

Erickson, who will start Jan. 27, most recently worked as an assistant sports information director at Michigan State University. Prior to that, she was in the public information office at Coe College in Cedar Rapids.

"It had everything I was looking for in a new position, with the added bonus of being at Wartburg," Erickson said. "Really, I don't know that there are many greater honors than being asked to return to work at your alma mater."

On the flip side, several professors are on sabbatical this semester to further their own education and career goals (see sidebar).

Professors returning from sabbatical are associate professor of music Dr. Craig Hancock and assistant professor of accounting John Haugen.

Menzel explained that when professors go on sabbatical, the college tries to hire adjuncts to fill the position until they return, have other full-time professors take on an extra course or occasionally not offer certain courses if no one is available to teach it.

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Professors take time to teach themselves

Dr. Bret Billet will conduct research to complete two projects during Winter/May Terms. One involves research, writing and publication of a volume on the role of cultural relativism as it applies to the notion of universal human rights throughout the world. The other involves development of a course on political terrorism.

Dr. Joyce Boss will further her research in Japanese folklore and popular culture and work on curricular revisions for her world literature courses during Winter/May Terms.

Ms. Yvonne Losch will research various projects during Winter/May Terms. She will study the works of three women writers from German families to enrich her German course offerings at Wartburg, as well as study the works of a non-Jewish French journalist to develop more fully a unit on women in the Holocaust. She also will continue her study of film, art and music produced by native and non-native minorities residing in Germany today.

Dr. David McCullough will spend his Winter/May sabbatical expanding his knowledge of geographic information system to incorporate relatively new technology into his research and classroom/laboratory modules. He will also study the effects of a fire-dependent ecosystem on populations of a disjunct species of woodrat and expand current research on mammalian populations to formally assess the role that Iowa's small and fragmented natural areas play in maintaining organismal diversity.

Dr. Gregory Scholtz will undertake a Winter/May study of the institutional accreditation system in American higher education, particularly the extent to which the system serves the public interest by ensuring the quality of American higher education.

Dr. Daniel Walther will continue research during Winter/May Terms on German colonialism and plans to write a general, up-to-date book on the topic, comparing the German experience, both in the metropole and in the colonies, to that of other European nations.

Sexual diversity awareness training offered

By LAURA GREVAS
Staff Writer

Members of the group Alliance are attempting to address a less-recognizable form of diversity through Project Safe Zone training sessions for interested students, faculty and staff Feb. 1 and 2.

These sessions will inform attendees of issues facing the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning (GLBTQ) community and how to support students facing these issues.

Although attendance does not obligate anyone to become a Safe Zone Ally, it will give him or her the training necessary to do so. Students attending the session could volunteer to be a contact person for another GLBTQ student. Session topics will cover homosexuality as not a choice, the coming-out process and violence awareness.

Project Safe Zone began several years ago as an attempt to provide support for the GLBTQ community on campus. The main components of the project are the upside-down pink triangles students may have noticed on some professors' doors. They signify a safe space for students to discuss their concerns in a confidential setting.

"Sometimes it has to do with their dealing with their own sexuality – how do I tell family members? Frequently it's a request to talk to another student," said social work professor Susan Vallem. Often it could be a friend or family member of a GLBTQ person who needs to talk.

"It's to sensitize and raise awareness on campus for students and individuals (so that) we become a welcoming campus for everyone," Vallem said.

Alliance president senior Janey Shields attended the first training sessions as a freshman.

"What I took away from that (the training) made me rethink a lot of my stereotypes," she said. "Anybody who's ever going to have any form of a leadership position should take this." Shields said one major campus problem is students, faculty and staff do not understand what they are saying and need to learn the appropriate words to use.

Alliance was founded by social work students and was originally called GABLES. Although it has not been particularly active this year, they have attended conferences on discrimination issues and hosted activities such as movie nights and a drag ball in years past. The number of GLBTQ students on this campus is unknown, but a general estimate for any given population is roughly 10 percent.

According to Melissa James, program associate for Pathways, student-led groups like this have existed before, but this is the biggest campus-wide push for acceptance of the GLBTQ community in several years. "It's a part of a wider push for diversity. It's important because it is making Wartburg a safe place for all students to learn."

"I'm hoping the general population loses some of its fear of the gay community. We're providing support for people who are people."

For more information or to sign up for the training sessions, contact Shields at janey.shields@wartburg.edu, Vallem at Ext. 8250 or talk to any professors currently participating in the Safe Zone project.

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Public special interest class taught

By KRYSTAL FOWLER
Staff Writer

The special topics history class this term is U.S. Home Front in World War II, HI 250, taught by Dr. Terrence Lindell, professor of history. It looks at the condition America was in during World War II.

It is jumping out of the classroom and into the community. The class is being used in the Keep on Learning at Wartburg series, a program that has been at Wartburg for the past three years. The alumni office and the dean of faculty jointly administer the program.

Six to seven times throughout the year, different presenters give sessions about a topic that interests them. It may be based on a class they are teaching or even a personal hobby. The classes usually meet once a week for three to four weeks from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Heritage Room of the Saemann Student Center. The first class is free, but people who attend the second class must pay a $30 fee.

This year a total of seven different topics will be covered. The second session of U.S. Home Front will be Thursday. The final session will take place Jan. 27. The next topic to be covered will be Swingin' with the Oldies, by Dr. Jane Andrews, starting Feb. 3. She will look at the different facets of jazz. Overall the program has been very successful. Many members of the community attend each session. It is yet another way that Wartburg and Waverly remain linked.

To get a full schedule of all topics and dates go to http://www.wartburg.edu/news/kol.html.

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New exhibit in Schmidt Gallery

Sculptures by area artist will be on display until Feb. 11

By SARAH GUHL
Staff Writer

The Waldemar A. Schmidt Gallery will host sculptures by Scott Robert Hudson of Cedar Falls until Feb. 11.

This exhibit features five sculptures: "Adam and Eve," "Bison," "Omomuki," "Aware" and "Ruin." According to Hudson, all are created using hand tools, and a lot of work goes into creating each piece.

"You have to really work hard," he said. "This is the second one-person exhibit that I've opened within three months of each other. That's pretty good."

The difference between this exhibit and others Hudson has had is the lack of "a pure wilderness piece." He noted all the sculptures have a distinct human element.

While sculptures consist of natural objects like bones and wood, along with human objects like bullet shells and pottery, only part of each piece is on the floor or ceiling of the gallery. A narration written to describe the object and the meaning behind it is incorporated into each piece.

"It's all sculpture," Hudson said. "The narratives are part of the sculpture. (I've always enjoyed) that role as the storyteller. I love to listen to a good story, so I try to write the statements (like a story)."

Hudson's life also contains a mixture of experiences. He has spent time working for the U.S. Forest Service but has also played guitar in a coffee shop for $10 a night. He currently lives in Cedar Falls with his wife, Kathy Scholl, a professor at UNI.

"Kathy has been extraordinarily patient with my work," Hudson said. "The (art) economy has very wide swings. Kathy, being a professor, has the stable economy in our household."

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SCULPTING NATURE–Cedar Falls mayor John Crews and artist Scott Robert Hudson were among those in attendance at the gallery reception Friday for Hudson's artwork. The sculptures will be on display until Feb. 11 in the Waldemar A. Schmidt gallery.

Much of Hudson's art influence comes from nature and literature. He takes walks along the Cedar River a few times a week and tries to read all of the Pulitzer Prize-winning books. "Adam and Eve" is one piece that grew out of literature as Hudson was reading "Genesis: A Living Conversation" by Bill Moyers at the time he created it.

Thomas Payne, professor of art, noticed the connection to nature as well.

"Hudson's work is very strong," Payne said, "and it shows a real love of nature and of other cultures. Perhaps how he brings together nature, other cultures and our own culture is the major strength of the work."

Hudson dreams of being included in the history books and also of being added to more museum collections.

"I want to do something important enough to get in the history books. That's something when we're gone that somebody's going to look back and say was relevant in our time."

A gallery talk will be at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 26. An opening reception was Friday.

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Cinderella ballet up next for Artist Series

By TARA LEWIN
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"Cinderella," presented by the Minnesota Ballet, will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Neumann Auditorium.

"Cinderella" is set in Renaissance Tuscany and, as in Shakespeare's time, the parts of the step sisters will be danced by two men, Allen Fields and Robert Gardner. Four local people will also be included in the production. Robert and Joan Loslo from Cedar Falls are Wartburg alumni and will play the parts of the king and the queen. Shannon Stewart and Amy Dunleavy of Denver will play the parts of the Harolds.

Admission is free for Wartburg students. Ticket prices for the public range from $19 to $30. Students will be selling tickets in the Mensa during dinner Wednesday.

According to Myrna Culbertson, Artist Series director, the Artist Series committee chose this ballet because "it was a new way of presenting the classic story of Cinderella."

"Cinderella" is the third event of the 2004-2005 Wartburg Artist Series. The Artist Series has previously featured programs including "In the Mood" and "Courthouse Steps."

Two master classes will take place Wednesday in Neumann Auditorium. One class is at 4 p.m. for ballet students who range in ages from eight to 13 and are not en pointe. Another class is at 5 p.m. for ballet students en pointe.

An educational program for children in third to sixth grade will be offered Thursday from 10 to 10:45 a.m. More than 850 students from Clarksville, Nashua-Plainfield, Tripoli, Waverly-Shell Rock, Janesville and Denver are expected to attend.

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Burning Questions?

Q: I heard that the next skywalk is going to connect Wartburg to Joe's KnightHawk. Is that true?

A: When asked if there were plans for more skywalks, the head of maintenance John Wuertz said "not that I know of." When asked specifically about one connecting to Joe's, the reply was, "That'd be a big no."

Q: What do I do if I can't get my mailbox open?

A: "Come to me. I will help," mail center coordinator Darla Hamann said. Sometimes screws come loose in the mailboxes, so if there is a physical problem, the mail center can "call in the box number and alleviate the problems," Hamann said.

Send Burning Questions to trumpet@wartburg.edu before Thursday.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

PERKINS LOANS NEED SIGNATURES

Those awarded a Federal Perkins Loan for Winter Term need to visit the controller's office before Friday to sign for the loan.

RUNNING FOR A STUDENT SENATE EXECUTIVE POSITION?

Applications for Student Senate president/vice-president, treasurer and recorder are available outside the Hub or in the Student Senate office, as well as online at http://www.wartburg.edu/senate/forms.html. Applications are due Jan 26. Direct questions to colin.buzza@wartburg.edu.

SOFTBALL GARAGE SALE

The softball team will host a garage sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday in the Grossmann lounge. A variety of clothes, athletic apparel and miscellaneous items will be for sale.

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA CONCERT TO COME

Luther College Symphony Orchestra will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 27 in Neumann Auditorium. Tickets are available at the door with special rates for students, senior citizens and groups of 10 or more. Proceeds will benefit the Waverly-Shell Rock Schools orchestra program, which will sponsor the concert.

IOWA TUITION GRANT INCREASE

The State of Iowa has approved a $275 increase to the Winter Term Iowa Tuition Grant for full-time students. The financial aid office has reviewed recipient's files and adjusted awards accordingly. If this affects existing aid, recipients will receive a revised award letter in their campus mailbox or on their billing statements from the controller's office.

FREE YOGA LESSONS

Counseling services will offer free yoga lessons every Monday night from 8:15 to 9:15 p.m. today through Feb. 21 in the St. Elizabeth Ballroom of the Saemann Student Center. For more information, contact counseling services at Ext. 8596.

Weekly Record

Campus security

Dec. 6
12 p.m., student center, theft. A high school food service employee reported items missing from her backpack while she was at work. No witnesses were known.

Dec. 12
9:10 a.m., student center, burglary. A food service supervisor reported someone broke into the dish-washing room by pulling the security gate away from the wall. Silverware was missing. Investigation continues by campus security.

1:30 p.m., Clinton Hall loading zone, hit and run. Student reported his parked car had been hit. Gray paint transfer was visible on the car. Investigation continues by Waverly Police and campus security.

Dec. 17
12:17 a.m., Residence, fire. Fireworks were set off along the north end of the Residence, igniting leaves and shrubbery. The fire was extinguished by campus security and Waverly Police. Investigation continues by campus security.

1:20 a.m., Hebron Hall, fire alarm. Fire alarm pull station was pulled, setting off the Complex fire alarm. False alarm.

12:00 p.m., Grossmann Hall, theft. A professor reported a beige chair missing from the lobby outside the religion department. A plea to Lohe and Grossmann Hall residents to return the chair as well as a search during Christmas break room safety checks failed to locate the chair. Investigation continues by campus security.

Dec. 20
11:50 a.m., student center, fire. Dining services reported a kitchen fire. A heat tape malfunctioned, causing a small fire, extinguished by turning off the electricity to it. No injuries or damage was reported, and the building's fire alarm was not activated. Maintenance made repairs.

Dec. 21
3:30 a.m., D Lot, drug law violations and operating while intoxicated. A non-student was sleeping inside a parked car. The individual was intoxicated and in possession of drug paraphernalia. Investigation continues by Waverly Police.

Dec. 25
1:38 p.m., Science Center, frozen/broken sprinkler pipe. Professor reported an activated fire alarm. A sprinkler line in a fourth floor mechanical room had frozen and burst, causing water to pour down all floors on the east side of the building. Physical plant is making repairs.

Dec. 30
3:55 p.m., science center, accidental fire. A fire occurred in a trash can outside the Den. Flames were extinguished. The cause appears to be spontaneous combustion due to painting rags found in the can.

Jan. 9
8:50 a.m., Hebron Hall, fire alarm. A fire alarm was activated from burning popcorn in the north end of the Complex. No popcorn or person making popcorn was found. The alarm was reset after airing out the hall.

Waverly police

Nov. 6
Debra Darlene Schindler, 21, Waverly, was arrested for public intoxication.

Casey Joseph Pauli, 20, Ladora, was arrested for operating while intoxicated.

Nov. 7
At 12:30 a.m., Waverly Police conducted a routine bar check at Joe's KnightHawk Lounge, 1002 West Bremer Ave. Subsequent to that check, Matthew James McElliott, 20, Waverly, and Eric Clark Hanson, 20, Waverly, were arrested and charged with possession of alcohol under the legal age. Both McElliott and Hanson were transported to the Bremer County Jail where they were booked and released on citations to appear in the Bremer County Courthouse.

Nov. 13
At 11:11 p.m., police arrested Benjamin Douglas Anderson, 20, Waverly, for possession of alcohol under legal age, first offense, a simple misdemeanor.

Nov. 14
Michael R. Spongberg, Waverly, was arrested at 1:56 a.m. for public intoxication and interference with official acts.

Nov. 20
Jeffery Scott Spiwak, 22, Waverly, was arrested and charged with first-offense operating while intoxicated. The arrest followed an on-scene investigation after the vehicle was stopped for a traffic violation.

Nov. 21
Jacob Andrew Olsen, 24, Rickford, was arrested for operating while intoxicated, first offense.

State of Iowa v.:

Joseph Richard Hoeksema, 19, Davenport: guilty, possession of alcohol under legal age, fined $147.

Mensa offers trial food selections this term

By JESSICA RENKEN
Staff Writer

A few changes in the Mensa's menu are set to be made throughout the beginning of Winter Term. Kix and Trix will be added this month in the new distribution containers, the results of the cereal survey conducted in November. Approximately 150 students participated in the study. These new choices will be in addition to current cereals.

Don Juhl, director of dining services, noted several other new menu items to come this term. Three new soups include chicken tortilla, brought back by popular demand. Also, a corn tostado now is offered in the taco court.

Throughout Winter Term, Student Center Council will conduct three taste tests to evaluate and select additional new tastes to add to the menu.

Officials also are attempting to eliminate complaints about the milk flavor. The same brand of milk still is being served, but its taste might be improved. During Fall Term, the Mensa experienced a malfunction in the dish-washing machine, which possibly caused a residue to remain on the glasses after going through the wash, Juhl said.

Juhl assured while this idea may sound a little disturbing, the residue was not harmful but simply a little funny-tasting.

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TRUMPET BLARES– Congratulations to senior Erin Snitkey who received an Outstanding Student Leader in a Business Organization award from the National Association for Career and Technical Educators at the national conference Dec. 10-12. Snitkey has been a state officer for three years and a national officer for two years for Phi Beta Lambda (PBL). Erin Snitkey applied for the award as part of being a national officer, and winners were announced in October. She didn't attend the conference in December but will receive her award from Iowa Department of Business and Technical Education liasion Colleen Hunt.

Wartburg obtains liquor license

By CHELSEA KROHE
Staff Writer

Wartburg obtained a liquor license in December to serve alcoholic beverages at select events on campus.

"This was not something that was rushed into," Matt Pries, director of the student center, said. "The college has been very careful about how it has gone through the process."

Extensive research was done on liquor laws in Iowa and how other schools have gone about the process. Wartburg was required to provide the licensing agent with a map highlighting the areas in which alcohol would be served.

The liquor license allows the college to serve alcohol in the ballrooms and the Castle Room; all alcoholic beverages are required to remain in those rooms. In addition, the extent of Wartburg's services is limited to beer in bottles and wine by the glass.

"We're not promoting a party scene," Pries said. "You're not going to see people walking around the student center with alcoholic beverages."

The groups allowed to make use of the license are limited as well. Targeted occasions include wedding receptions, events and dinners.

"The license was designed for outside groups," Pries said. "It is an opportunity to create revenue for the college and to provide people with the type of experience they would expect from such facilities."

The idea to obtain the license stemmed from the creation of the student center. Pries said the facilities have a lot more to offer now, which lends itself to more opportunities.

Obtaining the license allows the college to extend its services to be more accommodating to the groups it hosts. Now, when alumni want to get married in the chapel, they can also hold their reception on campus instead of traveling to the Red Fox Inn or Centennial Oaks.

"Not many colleges our size have this capability," Pries said.

However, the new opportunities provided by the student center and the liquor license do not change any of the internal college alcohol policies, Pries said.

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Wartburg plans to aid tsunami victims

By ERICA SWANSON
Features Editor

On Dec. 26, a massive earthquake rocked the Indian Ocean, and the resulting tsunami devastated the coastlines of many countries in southern Asia. However, the disaster did not only affect that part of the world.

Organizations in many countries have joined together to send aid, and students at Wartburg College will soon be able to participate in a campus-wide project to raise funds for the devastated countries.

According to sophomore Beau Nelson, the fund-raising efforts will be "an all-campus effort, not just one group." Student Senate will be organizing the various groups on campus to coordinate a single, effective effort to donate money to those affected by the tsunami.

Plans are tentative at this stage, but some ideas to help victims include fund-raising games, encouraging a "spirit of giving" challenge and involving the Waverly community in the process.

Some students have expressed the concern that lack of funds makes donating impossible. However, those students on a board plan may be able to support the effort without actually giving cash. With the cooperation of Don Juhl, plans are in the works to hold a fast in February.

According to student body president Ben Parks, this is especially pertinent, because "students giving up meals to help other people" will remind us of those going hungry as a result of the earthquake.

Helping tsunami victims, a worthwhile goal in itself, may also be a starting point to expand Wartburg's "spirit of giving." According to Parks, Student Senate hopes that the donation effort will be more of an "ongoing project" rather than a one-time project focusing only on southern Asia.

In the future, students will regularly contribute money to help numerous projects around the world. This is a part of Student Senate's goal to make students think more globally.

Donations will most likely be given to Lutheran World Relief, The campus ministry board will also send offerings from the service on Sunday, Jan. 16 to the ELCA International Disaster Response.

There will be a meeting of the Student Senate at 12:00 p.m. Tuesday in the WBC to discuss possible options for fundraising. The meeting will also try to organize the various campus groups that have expressed interest in participating in the project.

Final decisions have not been made yet, but the preliminary goal is clear: to get students more involved in humanitarian efforts around the world.

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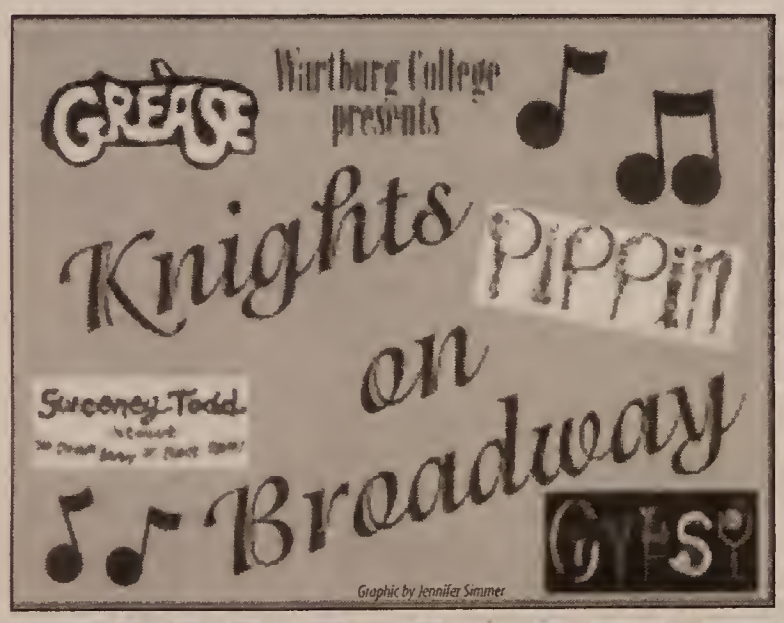
HELP IS ON THE WAY—The U.S. Army distributes supplies to tsunami victims in Panga, just south of Banda Aceh. Wartburg students are in the early stages of planning a campus-wide relief effort .

Knights on Broadway: back for another year



By ERICA SWANSON
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Knights on Broadway, a student-directed musical revue, was founded six years ago. This year, junior Chris "OG" Smith directs the show, and his unique musical tastes contibute to the performance's style.

Although in its sixth year, the show is always fresh. Since Knights on Broadway is directed by students, the choice of songs and presentation varies.

Rather than performing familiar showtunes, Smith chose to showcase a lesser-known repertoire. His goal is "to provide a bit of musical education for the singers and audience" rather than relying on the often-sung Rogers and Hammerstein classics.

Songs from relatively unknown musicals such as "Chess" and "The Life" are sandwiched between old favorites like numbers from "Grease" or "Gypsy." Typically, Knights on Broadway tends to include more contemporary songs.

Smith, who produced last year's show, chose this show's musical selections. He collected the music over the summer, and when Fall Term began, he sent out an e-mail to gauge people's interest.

Generally, the performers in Knights on Broadway are music majors. The 19 performers, consisting of 18 singers and one accompanist, have been practicing since November. After Christmas break, the group began having daily rehearsals to prepare for the upcoming performances.

Knights on Broadway will be performed at 7:30 p.m Friday in the Lyceum and at 8:30 p.m. Saturday in the Chapel. Admission is free.

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THIS WEEK...

TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
18	19	20	21	22	23
Wrestling: Steven Point Duals	**Eucharist**	*Cinderella*	**Knights on Broadway**	**Battle of the Unsigned Artists auditions**	Meistersinger Honor Choir Concert
Knights Gymnasium 7 p.m.	Chapel 9:30 p.m.	*Neumann Auditorium 7:30 p.m.*	Lyceum 7:30 p.m.	**Players Theater 1:00 p.m.**	**Chapel 3 p.m.**

Wrestlers roll through key stretch

By RICHARD PODHAJSKY
Asst. Sports Editor

Wartburg wrestling continued its dominance of the Iowa Conference last week, losing just three matches in two duals featuring top 10 teams. Wartburg rolled to a 29-7 victory over No. 3-ranked Luther Saturday and beat No. 10-ranked Simpson 38-4 Thursday, all this following a tough stretch during Winter break in which the only dual loss was to Division I Cal State-Fullerton.

"It's big (beating Simpson handily). Momentum is important in wrestling," head coach Jim Miller said. "Wrestling well before this meet (Luther) is important. We didn't want to take a step backwards."

In Decorah, the Knights won eight of 10 matches against Luther, picking up three major decisions and one technical fall. The only losses came when freshman Jacob Naig fell 13-2 to No. 2-ranked Matt Pyle at 149 and senior Andrew Knaack dropped a heartbreaker, 4-2, to No. 1-ranked Garrett South at 165.

Thursday in Knights Gymnasium, Wartburg received extra points in six of 10 matches and lost only once the entire night. Senior Justin McClintock started things off for the Knights with a technical fall at 125, while junior Scott Kauffman and sophomore T.J. Miller each picked up pins at 184 and 197, respectively. Clint Manny, Simpson's No. 1-ranked wrestler at 149, collected the Storm's only victory of the evening.

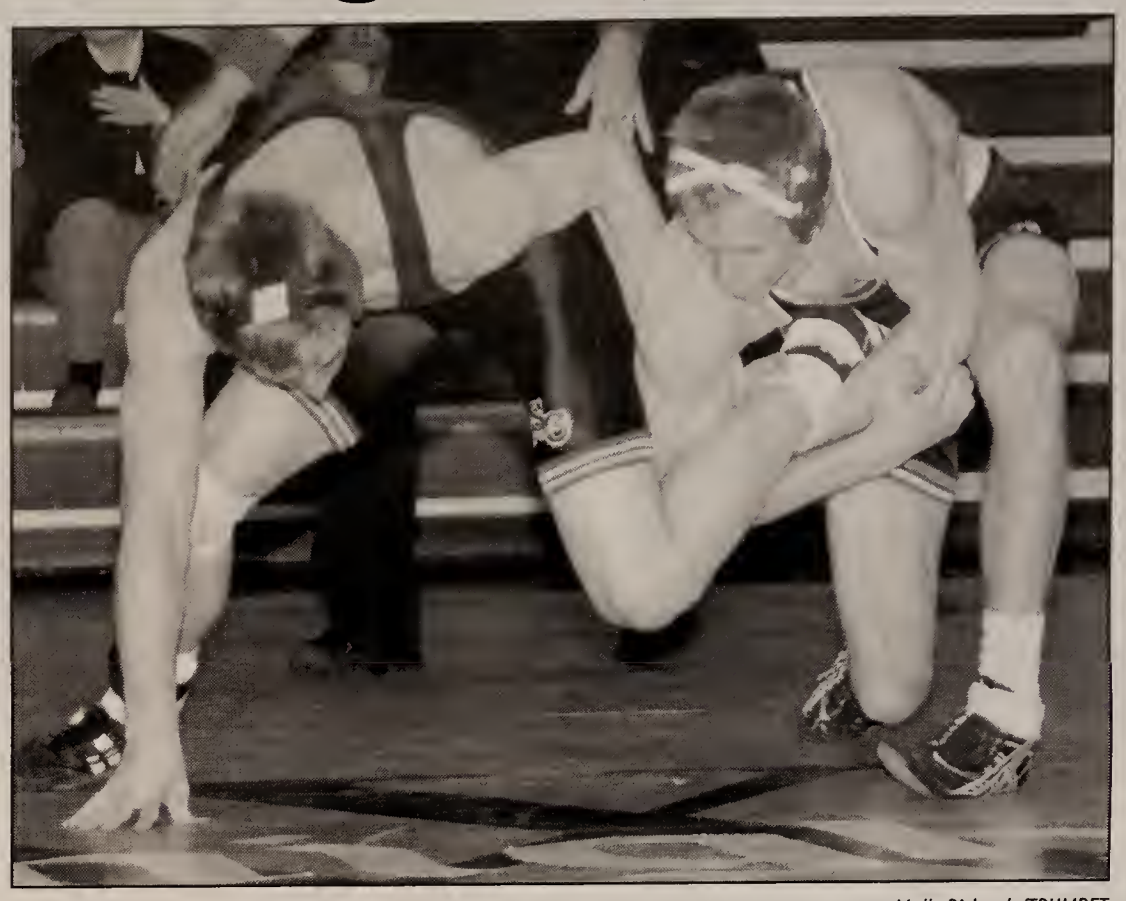
These two matches were the middle of a brutal schedule for the Knights, which included five teams ranked in the top 25 in Division III, two ranked in the top 25 in Division II, one top 25-ranked NAIA team and a Division I team, all leading up to the Division III national duals this Friday and Saturday.

"It is the heart (of the schedule). We've got to get clicking on all cylinders," Miller said. "We've got to get everybody wrestling at their best at the same time, but we haven't really got that done yet. We're getting closer."

Over Winter Break, the Knights swept through the Desert Duals, which they hosted in Las Vegas, going 4-0 and winning every dual by at least 13 points.

Wartburg started with a 35-6 victory over then NAIA 10th-ranked Menlo. The Knights followed that with a 36-6 beating of Pacific. Wartburg finished the day with a 26-13 dismissal of then-13th-ranked Elmhurst and a 38-9 victory over McDaniel.

Wartburg received several strong individual efforts. Kauffman went 4-0 at 184 pounds, highlighted by two wins over opponents ranked in the top four. No. 1-ranked 141-pounder Dustin Hinschberger also went 4-0 while McClintock went 4-0 with a major decision, one fall and two technical falls. Sophomore Blake Gillis, senior Tyler Hubbard and senior Nathan Specht were all undefeated, as well.



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HOLDING TIGHT—Junior Dustin Hinschberger grabs his Simpson opponent's ankle while setting up a takedown Thursday.

The Knights then traveled to Dallas for the Lone Star Duals where they received their only dual loss each of the last two seasons. This would, again, be the case, with Wartburg going 3-1.

"I thought we wrestled pretty well. Not great but pretty well," Miller said. "We'll take it for right now."

Wartburg started the day with a 55-0 pounding of Missouri Baptist. The Knights then dropped a close dual to Cal State-Fullerton, losing 18-17. Wartburg came back strong, however, beating two top 10 Division II teams. Wartburg defeated Central Oklahoma 18-12 and Nebraska Kearney 29-15.

The Knights host Wisconsin-Stevens Point Monday and travel to Coe Tuesday, both at 7 p.m., before heading to Cleveland, Ohio, Friday and Saturday for the Division III National Duals.

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Women win two at home

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Sports Writer

The Wartburg women's basketball team gave fans their money's worth this week. In three home games that were decided by a combined 18 points, the Knights went 2-1. Wartburg defeated Coe by seven Saturday, Central by five Friday and lost to Buena Vista by six points Tuesday.

The Knights never trailed as they jumped out to an eight-point lead to start the game against Coe. Wartburg held its lead throughout the first half and took a 29-24 advantage into halftime.

With just over six minutes left in the game, the Knights held a 14-point edge, but watched as the lead shrunk to just two points with 1:30 left. Free throws sealed the game down the stretch as Wartburg earned the 62-55 win.

Sophomore Natalie Tarkett led the team with 18 points. Senior Amanda Berner led the way with 13 rebounds as the Knights out-rebounded Coe 41-32.

Against Central Friday night, the Knights saw the same scenario. After taking a 43-33 lead into halftime, the Knights built their lead to 14 points with just less than three minutes left. Wartburg was outscored 16-7 in that time, but two free throws by Tarkett and one by freshman Casey Huber sealed the 75-70 win for the Knights.

Four Knights scored in double figures on the night. Berner scored 16 while Tarkett had 14. Freshman Elizabeth Campbell scored 11 points and Huber added 10 in the win.

"Both nights we shot the ball well and I was pleased with our rebounding effort," Coach Monica Severson said. "We need to eliminate the multiple mistakes to allow the other team to gain momentum. In both games we built a big lead but then we let them make a run at the end, but we responded well to get the two wins."

Tuesday night saw the Knights host conference powerhouse Buena Vista. Wartburg held its own in the first half, leading by five points after a free throw by Berner. The Beavers would come back and take a lead, but Wartburg never fell too far behind and held a one-point advantage at halftime.

The Knights were up by two points early in the second half, but Buena Vista took control and never trailed in the final 13 minutes en route to their 84-78 win.

"We really came together as a team," sophomore Diana Mullins said. "I thought we did a good job of moving the ball and getting different looks at the basket."

Mullins had a team-high 22 points against the Beavers. Tarkett added 18 points, and Berner had 12.

The two wins improved Wartburg to 8-6 on the season and 3-3 in conference play. Next week Wartburg travels to Cornell for a 6 p.m. game on Wednesday and hosts the University of Dubuque at 2 p.m. Saturday.

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HEAD ON A SWIVEL— Freshman Casey Huber brings the ball up the court Friday.

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AND ONE: Steege's full-court drive keeps win streak alive

By NICK PETAROS
Sports Editor

Wartburg basketball's newfound position atop the conference standings was all but lost, the Knights five-game win streak seemed to be over. Then Coe's freshman guard Brian Brungard missed one of the most important free throws of his young college career, setting up one of the most memorable plays in Wartburg basketball history.

Down two points with ten seconds remaining, Wartburg junior point guard Jason Steege received the ball from teammate Nate Schmidt, following Brungard's miss, and quickly pushed the ball upcourt. Steege cross-over dribbled by a Coe defender at the top of the key to the left side of the basket and drew contact as he made a layup for a three-point play opportunity. With four seconds remaining, Steege made the game-winning free throw.

Steege's coast-to-coast, three-point play heroics were the result of the team's strategy to immediately attack the hoop as opposed to using a timeout.

"When he missed the third free throw, then we were like, 'all right, we can go to the hole and try to draw a foul so we can get a couple of free throws and put this all behind us.' That was what I was thinking, and when I got to the hole and made it, I concentrated on the free throw so we could put them away finally," Steege said.

After Wartburg concluded the first half with a 36-31 advantage, Coe opened the second half on a 12-0 run. Wartburg failed to regain the lead in the second half until the final play of the game. The Knights tied the score at 50 on a layup from senior guard Jordan Atchison with nine minutes remaining and kept within four points of Coe. With 1:37 remaining, senior forward Alan Johnson made a pair of free throws to narrow the score to 63-65.

On the next possession, Coe missed a three-pointer and Atchison drove to the basket for a layup. With the score tied at 65, Brungard drew a foul call as he attempted a three-pointer with the shot clock about to expire. He made the first two of his three free throws.

Wartburg center Nate Schmidt led the team with 22 points and seven rebounds. Steege finished the game with 12 points, four assists and three steals.

Earlier this week Wartburg propelled itself into first place in the Iowa Conference with home wins over No. 7-ranked Buena Vista and Central College. The Knights led Buena Vista throughout the game's entirety, handing the Beavers their first Division III loss of the season 72-61. Friday against Central, Wartburg played all of its 17 players in a 76-58 thrashing of the Dutch.

"This was a big week for us," Steege said. "We knew that if we could beat BV then we had a chance to get three wins in a row and that way we could get ourselves established in the top of the conference. Now that we're at the top of the conference we're looking forward to more great things and to continue to keep winning."

Wartburg will put its unbeaten conference record on the line this week with games against Cornell in Mt. Vernon at 8 p.m. Wednesday and Dubuque in Knights Gymnasium at 4 p.m. Saturday.

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GAME WINNER– Junior Jason Steege draws contact en route to the basket against Coe Saturday. Steege's game winning three-point play came with four seconds left on the clock.

Rich Rites

Money ain't a thang

During the holidays some people take time to reflect on how lucky they are to have what they have. Others do acts of charity or try to focus on giving instead of receiving. And then there are professional athletes.

During a long drive over winter break I happened to hear a story that made me both laugh hilariously and punch my car radio in anger at the same time: an athlete bought a jersey number from one of his teammates.

Washington Redskins' running back Clinton Portis signed a legal contract to buy the number 26 from teammate Ifeanyi Ohalete for $40,000.

Richard Podhajsky
Assistant Sparts Editor

Portis paid $20,000 up front and was then to make two payments of $10,000 during the season. But, of course, Ohalete was cut by the Redskins in training camp, making the payments ultimately worthless. Which is apparently the view that Portis took.

Yes, the whole reason this story was on the radio was because Portis decided not to make the last two payments to his now former teammate, forcing Ohalete to take Portis to court because, as everyone knows, receiving $20,000 for a jersey number just isn't fair pay.

These two are not the only ones proving athletes don't take economics or public relations classes. The next spoiled brat, I mean athlete, is old fail-safe Randy Moss. No, Moss didn't pay what most people make in one year for a jersey, but he did decide that one controversy in a week wasn't enough.

In case you missed it, during Minnesota's playoff victory over Green Bay, Moss thought an appropriate celebration of a touchdown was to pretend to moon the crowd and rub his butt against the goalpost. Apparently the "fake moon" is a cardinal sin of touchdown celebrations so the NFL fined Moss $10,000.

Now, a reasonable person pays the fine, no matter what the person thinks of it, or appeals it and quietly moves on while trying to focus on the next week's game. But, of course, Moss has not always been known as a reasonable person. So, he had to respond to the fine as flamboyantly as possible. Here's what Moss had to say:

Reporter: "Randy, are you upset about the fine?"

Moss: "No, cause it ain't s---. Ain't nothing but 10 grand. What's 10 grand to me?"

Apparently, Moss manages money better than other athletes. Fellow Minnesota pro athlete Latrell Sprewell pointed out how hard these brats, I mean athletes, have it. Here's what Sprewell had to say when asked about his feelings on the T'Wolves after they failed to offer him a contract extension:

"Why would I want to help them win a title? They're not doing anything for me. I've got a lot of risk. I've got a family to feed."

Sprewell will make $14.6 million this year while Moss' salary is $5.75 million. Not only can he feed his family, but what's 10 grand to him?

This is not to say all athletes don't appreciate what they get. Several pros in the NBA, NFL and MLB decided to donate portions of their paychecks to the tsunami relief effort.

So, while some athletes do realize how lucky they are to have what they have, there are too many others that don't. And with contracts becoming more and more bloated, this problem is only going to get worse. My solution: I'll sell it to you for $50.

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